

III. REMARKS

Claims 11-15, 18, 19, 22 and 23 are pending in this application. By this amendment, claims 11, 22 and 23 have been amended, claims 1-10, 16, 17, 20 and 21 have been cancelled, and claims 24-28 have been added. Applicants do not acquiesce in the correctness of the rejections and reserve the right to present specific arguments regarding any rejected or withdrawn claims not specifically addressed. Further, Applicants reserve the right to pursue the full scope of the subject matter of the original claims in a subsequent patent application that claims priority to the instant application. Reconsideration in view of the following remarks is respectfully requested.

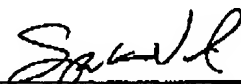
In the Office Action, claims 11-16 and 20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being obvious over Imai, claim 18 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being obvious over Imai in view of Lo et al., and claim 19 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being obvious over Imai in view of Adel et al. In addition, claims 22 and 23 are indicated as allowed, and claims 17 and 21 are indicated as allowable if rewritten in independent form. Applicants appreciate the indication of allowable subject matter.

By this amendment, claim 11 has been revised to incorporate the allowable subject matter of claim 17. Accordingly, Applicants submit that claim 11 is now in condition for allowance. Claims 11, 22 and 23 have also been revised to remove the requirement for "at least thirteen" sub-field exposures, which Applicants submit does not affect the allowability of these claims.

Claims 24-28 have been added to cover the subject matter removed from claims 11, 22 and 23 and other allowable subject matter. No new matter has been added.

Applicants respectfully submit that the application is in condition for allowance. Should the Examiner believe that anything further is necessary to place the application in better condition for allowance, he is requested to contact Applicants' undersigned attorney at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,



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